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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



ADMIRAL SANDY ADAMS (Ret)

REAR ADMIRAL

United States Navy

Rear Adm. Adams has lived in Southern CA for over 20 years and is currently a Redondo Beach resident. She recently retired from a 34-year active and reserve Navy career and is a graduate from Michigan State University and the Naval War College.

Her first tour was aboard USS Puget Sound based in Italy as SIXTH Fleet flagship. She transitioned to the Naval Reserve at Long Beach Naval Station serving in units including Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 105. She was recalled with the unit to active duty and deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm protecting the port used to bring in US Army equipment.

She served as the Commanding Officer of five units including the USS Bolster (ARS 38) reserve unit, Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 203, and reserve headquarters for Naval Forces Japan, and U.S. Pacific Command.

In 2010, she mobilized to Kabul, Afghanistan where she served as the senior advisor to an Afghan Minister of Defense Lieutenant General and his staff.

As a Flag Officer, she is served primarily as the Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command which is responsible for 20,000 active and reserve Sailors including Seabees and Coastal Warfare professionals.

As a civilian, Adams is a director of Supply Chain for Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems based in El Segundo, CA.



SHARÍ ALEXANDER

FOUNDER

Observe Connect Influence

Sharí Alexander is a persuasiveness coach known for bringing the "dark arts" of influence into the light. She has built her career as a speaker, writer, trainer and coach by revealing powerful secrets behind conversational influence.

She studied the best persuasive techniques under master influencers, including CIA field agents, hostage negotiators, con-artists, HUMINT officers, interrogators, trial attorneys, mentalists, undercover law enforcement, and even pick-up artists. Her mission is to put these powerful skills in the hands of entrepreneurs and leaders so they can be a positive influence in their businesses and lives.

Sharí is certified in neurolinguistic programming (NLP), microexpressions, and body language. Her clients include CEOs, politicians, professional athletes (NFL, NBA), television and movie producers, news commentators (ESPN, HLN, NBC), and New York Times Bestselling authors. She has been featured in USA Today, CNBC, Today.com, Lifehacker, and Speaker Magazine. Sharí is also a regular contributor to Entrepreneur and guest lecturer at USC.



MAJOR OFELIA ALVAREZ-WILLIS

CHIEF MEDICAL DOCTOR

*Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans
Medical Center*

Major Ofelia Alvarez-Willis was born in East Los Angeles and grew up in Mexico until she graduated from high school. She then relocated to Texas and later received her medical degree from Loma Linda University. For more than 32 years, Major Willis has treated our California Veterans at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Medical Center in Loman Linda, California. She currently serves as the chief medical doctor for the Department of Emergency Medicine and Ambulatory Car. Major Willis' work treating Veterans over the years inspired her to join the California National Guard in 2012, where she currently serves as brigade surgeon at the 224th Sustainment Brigade. In her role as a military medical officer, she also trains medics and soldiers and supports missions assisting the Santa Ynez and Round Valley Native American Medical Clinics.

In addition to this work, Major Willis has contributed to international efforts to ensure preventative medicine programs and care in many underserved communities, including those in Mexico, Latin America and Romania. She also served as a gubernatorial appointee to the California Medical Board.

In 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed Major Willis to serve as a Commissioner on the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. She is the first Commissioner appointed under new legislation that required that an appointee be a veteran or a member of the military. In her role as Commissioner, Major Willis works to ensure the full potential of the more than 19 million women and girls in California, with a special focus and understanding of women Veterans, women in the military and military families.

Major Willis says, "Women Veterans are in my heart. We need to increase our advocacy for our women Veterans, communicate through social media for our younger generations and bring awareness to the public and Veterans that are unaware of the resources available for them. CalVet's recently published California Women Veterans Outreach Toolkit is an example of the information that needs to reach all our women Veterans."



KATHLEEN BROWN

PARTNER

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

Kathleen Brown's practice at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, focuses on business counseling, government, and regulatory affairs. Ms. Brown brings to her practice a background that includes 18 years as a senior executive in the banking and financial services industry and 16 years of public-sector experience, including a term as California's State Treasurer.

Ms. Brown joined Manatt after more than 12 years at Goldman Sachs, Inc., a global investment banking and securities firm, where she served as chairman of Midwest Investment Banking and, prior to that, as managing director and head of the firm's Western Region Public-Sector and Infrastructure Group. Ms. Brown also held various senior positions with Bank of America, including president of the private bank.

During her tenure with Goldman Sachs, she worked closely with healthcare institutions in California and the Midwest in both an investment banking and strategic advisory capacity, and worked extensively with municipal utilities in California.

Ms. Brown's experience in the government arena includes serving a term as California State Treasurer, where she managed a \$25 billion bond portfolio, oversaw a \$32 billion cash management fund and served as a trustee on the boards of CALPERS and CALSTRS, two of the largest pension funds in the nation. During that time, she was co-chair of the Council of Institutional Investors. She was the Democratic Party nominee for Governor of California in 1994, the co-chair of the Presidential Commission on Capital Budgeting, a commissioner of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works, and a two-term member of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Before beginning her campaign for treasurer, Ms. Brown was an attorney in the New York and Los Angeles offices of a global law firm, where she was a member of the Capital Markets Group specializing in public and corporate finance.



CRYSTAL CRAWFORD

*PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
CHAIRPERSON
County of Los Angeles*

Crystal D. Crawford is Chairperson of the Los Angeles County Public Health Commission in addition to serving as a grantmaker with a private health foundation in California. Previously, she was CEO of the California Black Women's Health Project (CABWHP), the only statewide organization solely devoted to improving the health of California's black women and girls through policy, advocacy, education and outreach. Prior to her role as CEO, she was CABWHP's director of public policy. Before working in the nonprofit, public interest sector, Crawford was a litigation associate with nationally renowned corporate law firms in Los Angeles, Boston and New York, as well as a public school teacher.

Crawford is actively involved in the leadership of numerous civic and community organizations. She serves as a member of the Women's Health Policy Council for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Office of Women's Health. She served on the executive committee of the Women's Health Council of the statewide Office of Women's Health (OWH) until its elimination in July 2012. She serves on the board of the Rockefeller Center for Public Policy at Dartmouth, which provides students with public policy and leadership development, academic instruction, training opportunities and internships. She is also an officer of her church in Inglewood, where she directs the provision of \$50,000 annually in college scholarships to youth and young adults in South Los Angeles. In 1997, she founded and continues to direct College Conquerors, her church's undergraduate pipeline program that provides youth with college preparation and counseling services. She previously served on the boards of the Tucker Foundation at Dartmouth College, Health Access California and SisterSong and on the advisory council for the California Breast Cancer Research Program.

Crawford is the recipient of numerous awards including the 2009 Advocates' Award from the Western Center on Law and Poverty and the 2012 PowerPAC Award from the Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee.

Originally from Harlem, New York, Crawford earned her bachelor's degree in history from Dartmouth College and law degree from New York University School of Law. She is admitted to the bar in California, New York and New Jersey.



HOLLYE DEXTER

AUTHOR

Hollye Dexter is author of the memoir *Fire Season* (She Writes Press, 2015) and co-editor of *Dancing at the Shame Prom* (Seal Press)-- praised by bestselling author Gloria Feldt (former CEO of Planned Parenthood) as "...a brilliant book that just might change your life." Her essays and articles about women's issues, activism and parenting have been published in anthologies as well as in Maria Shriver's *Architects of Change*, *Huffington Post*, *The Feminist Wire* and more.

In 2003, she founded the award-winning nonprofit *Art and Soul*, running arts workshops for teenagers in the foster care system. She currently teaches writing workshops and works as an activist for gun violence prevention in L.A., where she lives with her husband and a houseful of kids and pets.

For more information about Hollye Dexter, please visit www.hollyedexter.net.



GAIL FARBER

*DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Los Angeles*

Gail Farber was appointed Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works in December 2008. In this capacity, she serves as the County Engineer, County Road Commissioner, and Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The LA County Public Works Department is the largest public works agency in the United States, with over 4,000 employee positions and an annual operating budget of more than \$2 billion.

Under her leadership, the Department designs, constructs, operates and maintains roads, highways, bridges, airports, sewers, flood control and water conservation facilities, as well as water distribution systems for the County, the County Flood Control District, special districts and contract cities. In addition, the Department provides for the management and delivery of the Los Angeles County Capital Projects Program valued in excess of \$3 billion and also serves as a first responder for emergency and disaster preparedness, response and recovery. It also provides leadership in the countywide transportation system, traffic mitigation efforts, and regional solid waste and hazardous waste management systems.

Gail's dedication to Los Angeles County is on par to her dedication to the advancement of women, and ongoing commitment to reflect the diversity of the communities the County serves. She is an advocate for promoting women to leadership roles and inspiring students to seek and succeed in non-traditional roles. She was instrumental in the development of the Women's Leadership Conference, which annually draws more than 500 women from across the County.

In 2013, Gail received the KCET and Union Bank with Women's History Month Local Heroes Award honoring outstanding women who have made significant contributions to improving our community. In 2014, her women's advocacy efforts were honored with a Most Powerful and Influential Woman of California Award from the National Diversity Council, and in August 2014, she was named the national Public Works Leader of the Year by American City and County Magazine.

Gail is a registered professional civil engineer with over 28 years of experience serving in a variety of executive engineering and management positions at the state, regional, and local levels of government.



GLORIA FELDT

COFOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
Take the Lead

GLORIA FELDT is cofounder and president of Take The Lead the new women's leadership initiative to prepare, develop, inspire, and propel women to take their fair and equal share of leadership positions by 2025. The bestselling author of *No Excuses: 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power*, and three other books, Gloria is an acclaimed expert on women, power, and authentic leadership and an inspiring keynote speaker who delivers practical "Power Tools" for life and leadership.

Gloria's expertise in women, power and leadership comes from a deep well of personal knowledge gained on the frontlines. Her journey from teen mom and high school dropout in rural Texas to president and CEO of the world's largest reproductive health organization, Planned Parenthood Federation of America caused *People* magazine to call her the "voice of experience." With Take The Lead she now uses that experience as a visionary leader for women's equality across all sectors. Named by *Vanity Fair* as one of "America's Top 200 Women Leaders, Legends, and Trailblazers" and *Glamour's* "Woman of the Year," she's a world changer who helped pave the way for women today.

Gloria teaches "Women, Power, and Leadership" at Arizona State University.. Both a newsmaker and a commentator, Gloria has been widely quoted and published in media, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Politico*, *Salon*, *The Daily Beast*, and magazines including *More*, *Glamour*, *Elle* and *Ms.* She has appeared extensively on television, including *CNN*, *MSNBC*, the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America* and *The Daily Show*. She hangs out on social media far too much. So follow her on twitter @GloriaFeldt; connect on Facebook and LinkedIn.

She and her husband Alex Barbanell share a combined family of six children and many grandchildren; they live in New York City and Scottsdale, AZ.

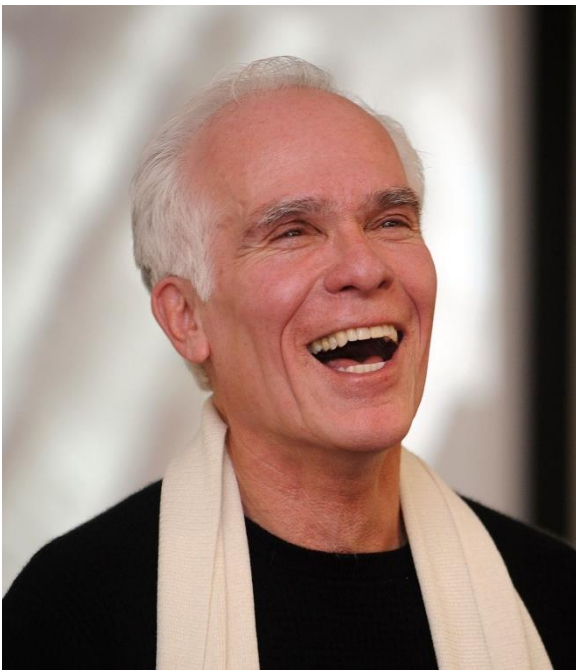


KATHAY FENG

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
California Common Cause*

Kathay Feng is Executive Director of California Common Cause and Common Cause's National Redistricting Director. Feng spearheaded two successful initiative campaigns to create an independent commission to redistrict state and congressional districts in California. The Citizens Redistricting Commission drew 30,000 applicants, took in testimony from 20,000 people, and ultimately drew maps for Ca. congressional, legislative, and other state districts.

Feng also led the efforts to successfully pass Online Voter Registration and Same Day Registration laws. In its first month of implementation in 2012, Online Voter Registration brought in 800,000 new voters, with 1/3 under the age of 25. Since 2006, she has helped anchor California's Election Protection efforts. In Los Angeles, she helped win improvements to the Matching Funds system of public financing for candidates. Prior to joining Common Cause, Feng directed the Voting Rights and Hate Crimes Unit at Asian Pacific American Legal Center, now Asian Americans Advancing Justice. She has served on the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations for 14 years.



GIL GARCETTI

*URBAN PHOTOGRAPHER
FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY*

Before becoming a photographer, Gil spent 32 years as a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office. He was the elected District Attorney for eight years. (1992-2000) In addition to overseeing high profile prosecutions such as the Menendez brothers and O.J. Simpson cases, Gil directed his 1100 prosecutors to focus their efforts on more effectively addressing domestic violence and on specific programs designed to prevent crime. After Gil left office in 2000, he taught a seminar entitled "The Interaction of the Criminal Justice System, Race, Politics and the Media." at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Since leaving the District Attorney's office, Gil has focused his professional efforts as a photographer, speaker, and television producer. Since the publication of his first photo book in 2002, *IRON: ERECTING THE WALT DISNEY CONCERT HALL*, six additional books have been published. Beginning in 2013 Gil has had numerous solo exhibitions of his photograph around the world including the United Nations, New York, National Building Museum, Washington D.C., UNESCO, Paris, France, Millennium Art Museum, Beijing, China, UCLA Fowler Museum, Virginia Center for Architecture, Richmond, Virginia, Vienna International Center, Vienna, Austria, and the New York Center for Performing Arts, New York.

Gil's speaking engagements have included the United Nations, UNESCO, European Union, and many museums, conferences, and civic and local organizations. He is also a producer of the hit TNT television series, *Major Crimes*.

Gil's most recent photo book and project, *JAPAN: A REVERENCE FOR BEAUTY*, was released in January 2015. This project raises the question of why the Japanese people are so unique in their reverence and need for beauty in virtually every aspect in their lives and what we might learn from this ancient culture that will enhance us as a people or nation.

In April 2014 Garcetti was sworn in as UNESCO – IHE Cultural Ambassador. His responsibilities in this role are to bring worldwide awareness to the issue of safe water in developing countries with a particular focus on how safe water affects the lives of women and girls.

His father was an immigrant from Mexico and his mother's parents were also born in Mexico. Gil was born and raised in Los Angeles and graduated from the University of Southern California and UCLA Law School. He has been married to his wife, Sukey for 51 years. His daughter, Dana, is a lawyer and acupuncturist and his son, Eric, is the Mayor of Los Angeles.



SACHI A. HAMAI

*CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
County of Los Angeles*

On October 6, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously selected Sachi A. Hamai as the County's Chief Executive Officer. She is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the nation's largest municipal government, including oversight of the County's \$28 billion budget. As CEO, she also supports the Board's policy and programmatic leadership on numerous health, social services, criminal justice and quality of life programs and services.

Before her selection as Chief Executive Officer, Sachi served 10 months as the Interim CEO, selected by the Board of Supervisors in December 2014. Previously, Sachi was the Executive Officer for the Board of Supervisors from April 2006 to December 2014, supporting the accounting, procurement, personnel, payroll, technology, facility management and other administrative services of the Board.

Sachi was raised in Denver with her sisters Judy and Tami, and parents Thomas and Barbara Hamai. She attended Colorado State University and graduated in May 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in accountancy. Soon after graduation, Sachi was recruited to join the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's department as an accountant-auditor in August 1988.

For the next several years, she held several positions in Auditor-Controller, supervising the operational, compliance, and financial reviews of many County departments, until her promotion to a management position with the Department of Health Services Inspection and Audit Team in November 1994. As Chief of the Audit and Compliance Division, Sachi developed and implemented the groundbreaking Health Authority Law Enforcement Task Force (HALT), a multi-agency program to deter illegal criminal activities threatening the public's health and well-being. Since its inception, HALT has conducted thousands of investigations, resulting in hundreds of arrests, confiscating millions of dollars in illegal drugs, and saving taxpayers millions of dollars in Medi-Cal funds.

From 2001, until her appointment as the Board's Executive Officer in 2006, Sachi was the Director of Administrative Services at the County's Department of Health Services, supervising the human resources, information technology, facilities management, and audit and compliance offices in the nation's second-largest public healthcare system.

Sachi is a passionate distance runner, completing her first marathon in St. George, Utah in 1997. She's participated in nearly 40 races in the past five years, from 5k's, to stair climbs, to marathons in Florida, Illinois, Nevada, and British Columbia, achieving a recent personal best time in the 2015 Tokyo Marathon.



KAY IWATA

*FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
K. Iwata Associates, Inc.*

Ms. Iwata is an internationally recognized diversity & inclusion leadership and organizational development consultant, researcher and author. Her approach is global, strategic and systemic. It focuses on building from a strong business case that is anchored in the values and culture of the organization and its leaders. Ms. Iwata's book, *The POWER of Diversity: 5 Essential Competencies for Leading a Diverse Workforce* provides a research-based focus on what specific behaviors and actions diversity and inclusion competent leaders and managers consistently demonstrate. The results also appear in the 2010 ASTD Leadership Handbook.

She has been named a Pioneer of Diversity by the Diversity Journal and published articles with SHRM and Diversity Central. Ms. Iwata has consulted in the UK, Japan, China and Latin America. Her client list includes Sodexo, Walmart, Johnson & Johnson, Genentech, County of Alameda and California State University Fresno. Currently Kay is working on two leading edge projects with Alameda County. The first is their Millennial Initiative and the second is their pilot with Google directed at fostering more innovation in government.



JAMILLA JAMISON

*ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS
Harvey Mudd College*

Originally from Southern California, Jamilla graduated from the University of Southern California in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations. With a passion for increasing access to higher education, she earned her Master's in Education from UCLA in 2008.

In 2009, Jamilla was hired as an Admission Counselor by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where, for two years, she focused on the recruitment of students underrepresented in math and science including women, underrepresented minorities, students who will be the first in their families to attend college and students from disadvantaged communities.

In 2011, Jamilla made the decision to move home and accepted a position at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif. Currently, as Associate Director of Admission and Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment, Jamilla oversees Harvey Mudd's strategies to increase enrollment from underrepresented students as well as oversees all multicultural recruitment programming.

Jamilla currently serves as an Assembly Delegate for the National Association for College Admission Counseling; the Diversity, Equity & Access Committee Chair for the Western Association for College Admission Counseling, and Co-Founder of the Partnership for Diverse Leaders in Education at the Claremont Colleges. She also currently serves as President for the University of Southern California Society of Trojan Women.



JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK

*COFOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
Jewish World Watch*

Janice Kamenir-Reznik is Co-founder and President of Jewish World Watch (JWW), an organization established in 2004 to mobilize the community against genocide and mass atrocity. For more than two decades prior to starting Jewish World Watch, Janice practiced real estate and environmental law. She received her BA and JD degrees from UCLA, a Masters in Social Work from USC and a Masters in Jewish Non Profit Management from Hebrew Union College. Janice has served on a variety of Boards and Commissions. Among others, Janice is past- President of California Women Lawyers, the California Women's Law Center, and the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission. Janice has served as a trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar, a trustee of the California State Bar's Trust Fund, and a Commission of the Los Angeles County Economy and Efficiency Commission.

Janice co-founded JWW with the late Rabbi Harold Schulweis. Through JWW thousands of Americans have been educated and mobilized to fight the genocide in Darfur, the abuses ongoing in the DR Congo, and more. JWW has committed millions of dollars to help to develop and fund projects in genocide-afflicted countries to directly aid survivors of genocide and rape. Janice has traveled extensively to the refugee camps at the Chad/Darfur border as well as to the DR Congo to establish, fund, and evaluate various rape recovery, rape prevention, economic empowerment/development projects, civil society projects, and projects aimed at reintegrating former child soldiers back into society. She is married to Benjamin and has 4 children, Yoni, Devi, Sami & Rachel.



DON KNABE

*SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
County of Los Angeles*

Supervisor Don Knabe was first elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in November of 1996 and was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012.

Supervisor Knabe represents the Fourth District, which is a uniquely diverse area that is home to over two million residents and includes two of the nation's largest economic hubs; the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and Los Angeles International Airport.

Supervisor Knabe has spent much of his political career working to protect the innocent and vulnerable children in Los Angeles County. He established the Safe Surrender program in Los Angeles County which allows someone to surrender an infant within 72 hours of birth, as long as the infant shows no signs of abuse. Since 2001, 126 babies have been safely surrendered in Los Angeles County. Earlier this year, Supervisor Knabe announced plans to launch a scholarship program to benefit children who have been safely surrendered.

Supervisor Knabe is also known as a national leader on the issue of child sex trafficking. In 2012, he launched a county-wide awareness campaign to spread the word that young girls are being sexually exploited for money right here in southern California. In 2013, he testified on the issue of child sex trafficking at a hearing before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington, D.C., and, in 2014, he advocated for stiffer penalties for the buyers and sellers of young girls at the National Press Club with Congressman Ted Poe of Texas.

Supervisor Knabe is a veteran having served in the United States Navy. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Supervisor Knabe and his wife, Julie, have been married for 47 years. Julie, a Long Beach native, is a past President of the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce and operates her own customer relations firm, J.D. Knabe & Associates. They have two married sons, and four incredible grandchildren!



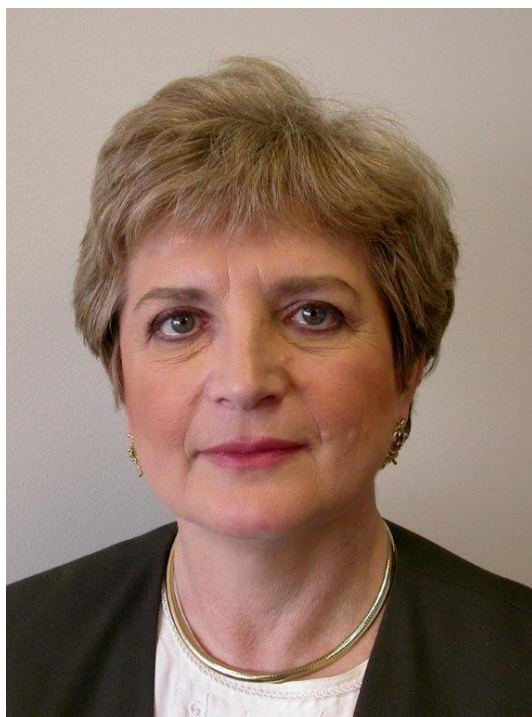
KELLY MORGAN

OWNER

CreativeLife Productions

Kelly Morgan is an expert on owning your talents to earn more appreciation, respect and money. In her thirty year career working with Fortune 500 corporations and commercial artists she has inspired thousands of professionals like you to break through their resistance to create work that draws on their passion. She says it's all about "bringing the big juicy" — playfulness, productivity authenticity, audacity and most of all creativity — to your work every day.

A performance artist, writer and owner of CreativeLife Productions, she is a highly sought after coach and teacher who has published several books of poetry and loves to dance the tango and cha cha cha.



MARIA FIORINI RAMIREZ

*CHAIRWOMAN AND FOUNDER
MFR Securities*

Maria's financial industry career has spanned five decades, mostly as an economist. She is President & CEO of Maria Fiorini Ramirez, Inc., (MFR) an independent global economic and financial consulting firm formed in 1992 and Chairwoman of MFR Securities, its Broker Dealer subsidiary. Her advice is highly sought by some of the largest institutions in the world. She is a frequent speaker at U.S. and international forums and guest on various media outlets. Before starting MFR, Maria's career included positions at CIT, American Express, Lavoro Bank, Merrill Lynch, and Drexel Burnham Lambert. At Drexel, Maria was the first woman Managing Director and Chief Money Market Economist. After Drexel, she started her own company.

Maria has served on several Bank and Investment Company boards, both public and private, in the United States and Europe, always contributing her business, economics and market expertise to issues and causes in which she strongly believes. She is currently on the Board of Metropolitan Commercial Bank and Security Mutual Life, both in New York and the Investment Policy committee of Edward Jones & Co., St Louis, Mo.

Maria started her board roles in the 1970's with Women in Business, Medic Alert, NYU's Money Marketeers, where she was President in 1994. She has been a Trustee of Brooklyn Hospital, Brooklyn Community Foundation and Lupus Research Foundation. Maria graduated from Pace University and has been a Trustee and was honored as a distinguished alumna, the highest honor the Business school can give to an alumna.

Maria has received many awards for her contributions to Cerebral Palsy, Italian Welfare Fund, Women Bond Club, Tiro a Segno, Metro International Fulbright Award, YWCA Women of Distinction, and Ellis Island Medal of Honor. She is a Founding member of 100 Women in Hedge Funds, and co-founder and Treasurer of the Financial Policy Council.



STEPHANIE SANFORD

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Goldman Sachs Asset Management

Stephanie is a senior relationship manager in US Institutional Sales within Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM), responsible for new business development and ongoing client relations for large institutional investors on the West Coast. She co-leads GSAM's public funds effort and also focuses on key endowments and corporate clients.

Previously, Stephanie covered middle market institutional clients. She was part of the team that launched GSAM's efforts in this space. Prior to joining GSAM in 2001, she worked in the Fixed Income Currency and Commodities Division as an investment banker covering tax exempt clients. She joined Goldman Sachs in 1997 as an associate and was named managing director in 2012.

Prior to joining the firm, Stephanie worked at Fitch Investors Service.

Stephanie serves on the board of Kids in Sports and is a former trustee of Wesleyan University. She is a founding member of the National Association of Securities Professionals' Southern California chapter. Stephanie graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Wesleyan University and earned an MPP from Harvard University. She resides in Los Angeles with her husband Junius and daughter Addison.



MARGARET A. SCOPELIANOS

*PUBLIC SECTOR BANKING EXECUTIVE
Bank of America Merrill Lynch*

As Public Sector Banking executive at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Margaret Scopelianos leads the firm's national banking practice devoted to serving the unique financial needs of federal, state and municipal government agencies and public universities. Under her leadership, the organization provides a full array of credit, treasury and financial solutions to these clients across the U.S.

Prior to this role, Scopelianos was Treasury Solutions executive for the firm's Specialized Industries division, which provides tailored treasury solutions to healthcare, nonprofits and public sector clients.

Scopelianos joined Bank of America in 2002 as a senior vice president in Global Risk Management after a series of leadership roles in credit, corporate banking and risk at other global financial firms. A lifelong banking professional, she was instrumental in the integration of multiple bank mergers and the cultivation of high-quality business relationships and portfolios.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, Scopelianos earned a BA in Economics and Russian Studies. She completed an International Economics Program at the University of Exeter in Devonshire, England and speaks several languages. She is Series 7, 23 and 63 registered.

Scopelianos has held a number of civic and trustee positions on non-profit boards, including the New Jersey Network Foundation, the fundraising arm for public TV and radio. She has also acted as co-chair of the Finance & Investments Committee of the Penn State Alumni Board, the largest dues paying alumni organization in the world.

Among her many recognitions is the Salute to the Policy Makers Award for New Jersey Women of Achievement, the Women of Influence in Finance Award and the YMCA's Tribute to Women & Industry Award.



HILDA SOLIS

*CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Los Angeles*

Supervisor Hilda L. Solis was sworn in as Los Angeles County Supervisor for the First District of Los Angeles County on December 1, 2014.

Prior to becoming Supervisor she served as Secretary of Labor. Supervisor Solis was confirmed on February 24, 2009, becoming the first Latina to serve in the United States Cabinet. Before that, Supervisor Solis represented the 32nd Congressional District in California, a position she held from 2001 to 2009.

In the Congress, Supervisor Solis' priorities included expanding access to affordable health care, protecting the environment, and improving the lives of working families. A recognized leader on clean energy jobs, she authored the Green Jobs Act which provided funding for "green" collar job training for veterans, displaced workers, at risk youth, and individuals in families under 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

In 2007, Supervisor Solis was appointed to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission), as well as the Mexico — United States Interparliamentary Group. In June 2007, Solis was elected Vice Chair of the Helsinki Commission's General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions. She was the only U.S. elected official to serve on this Committee.

A nationally recognized leader on the environment, Supervisor Solis became the first woman to receive the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 2000 for her pioneering work on environmental justice issues. Her California environmental justice legislation, enacted in 1999, was the first of its kind in the nation to become law.

Supervisor Solis graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. A former federal employee, she worked in the Carter White House Office of Hispanic Affairs and was later appointed as a management analyst with the Office of Management and Budget in the Civil Rights Division.



MARGALIT WARD

DIRECTOR

Professional Women's Network So Cal

Margalit Ward is a Certified Empowerment & Business Coach, Speaker, Director of the Professional Women's Network So Cal, and Co-Founder of Get Up Girl Women's Coaching.

Margalit started and grew two successful design companies, completed her coaching certification from the Institute of Professional Excellence in Coaching, and is a graduate of Counseling Psychology from the University of Santa Monica. She supports her clients to dream big and define their vision, map out their goals and action plans to create unstoppable success. Her approach includes establishing a foundation of self-care that fuels a happier life with healthy habits and relationships.

Margalit lives in Los Angeles with her husband and son, and is a contributor for the Huffington Post and ModernMom.

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BETTY T. YEE

*STATE CONTROLLER
State of California*

State Controller Betty T. Yee was elected in November 2014, following two terms of service on the Board of Equalization. As Controller, she continues to serve the Board as its fifth voting member.

Ms. Yee was first elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 where she represented 21 counties in northern and central California. She was elected to her second four-year term in 2010.

Now serving as the State's Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Yee also chairs the Franchise Tax Board and serves as a member of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) Boards. These two boards have a combined portfolio of nearly \$500 billion.

Ms. Yee has over 30 years of experience in public service, specializing in state and local finance and tax policy. Ms. Yee previously served as Chief Deputy Director for Budget with the California Department of Finance where she led the development of the Governor's Budget, negotiations with the Legislature and key budget stakeholders, and fiscal analyses of legislation on behalf of the Administration. Prior to this, she served in senior staff positions for several fiscal and policy committees in both houses of the California State Legislature.

Ms. Yee currently serves on the board of directors for the Equality California Institute. She is a cofounder of the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project, which exposes California high school youth to the public service, public policy, and political arenas.

A native of San Francisco, Ms. Yee received her bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, and her master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco.